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Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313

Re: U.S. Application No.: 10/551,721  
Laura Raus et al.  
"PNEUMATIC INSTRUMENT FOR TISSUE REMOVAL"  
Our Ref.: P268-US

Dear Commissioner

This inquiry is being initiated based on the fact that a response to non-final office action was filed on April 13, 2009.

Approximately eight (8) months have passed from the filing of the response and we have not received a response from the Examiner.

Please advise on the status of this application.

Sincerely,

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